

Yankee, would consider it their misfortune, and not a fault, for which they could be accountable to God or man. Thus, even this case, *had* it been true, could not have impaired my hope to retain your kind regard.\*

And now the experience of my whole life assures me that I may appeal to your manly English feeling to judge between me, your fellow citizen, and the interloper Roebuck; between the son of one who devoted the best years of his valuable life to your service, and the obscure nominee of the stranger Hume; between me, whose family for the fourth generation are living amongst you, and the foreign Roebuck who has used *your* seat to obtain large pay from a foreign faction, without doing you even the poor justice to devote one shilling of it to your advantage! †

It is possible that even Mr. Roebuck's ancestry may not be entirely impregnable—but no! I leave such “sweet,” such generous, such logical “revenge,” to Mr. Roebuck! Only incidentally defending myself, I am more than content with an occasion that allows me thus publicly to lend a helping hand to rescue my fellow-citizens from the greatest degradation and injury that is suffered by any British people! Again, could Mr. Roebuck prove me, myself, as black as he would now rejoice to make me, pray what would it concern the point in question? It is not *I* who am courting, or ever hope to court, the merely public favour, (for the favour of

\* A false charge affecting ourselves alone, deserves our mere contempt, but that which is intended to injure other innocent persons through us, may well deserve our indignation. Though Britons used to love a fair fight between man and man, they ever abhorred the true Yankee system of gouging the defenceless, or of attacking the unwary from behind a dead man's body

† Is it not clear, that the attention of *your* representative should first be given to the benefit and prosperity of *your* city? Though certainly it ought not to end there, “Charity should begin at home”